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SUBJ: 29TH GA--THIRD COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ON STATUS OF
INTERNATIONAL COVENANTS (L. 2133)

REF: USUN 5481

1. TRANSMITTED BELOW IS TEXT OF REVISED RES THIS SUBJECT
(L. 2133/REV.1). ATTEMPT IN REVISION IS TO FOLD IN BULGARIA/
CYPRUS AMENDMENTS (L. 2142) WHILE RETAINING REFERENCE TO
THE OPTIONAL PROTOCOL.

2. REMAINING ISSUE IS "ALL STATES" PHASE CONTAINED IN PROPOSED
AMENDMENTS. GENERAL CONSENSUS IS THAT SOVIET BLOC WOULD
STRONGLY OPPOSE REPETITION OF FORMULA USED EARLIER IN
REGARD TO INVITING ALL STATES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INTERNAT-
IONAL WOMEN'S YEAR CONFERENCE (I.E., CLARIFYING STATEMENT FROM
CHAIR TO BE INCLUDED IN RECORD) AND WOULD WIN IF QUESTION
PUSHED TO VOTE. ACCORDINGLY, DANS PROPOSE TO MAKE ORAL
SUBAMENDMENT ADDING PHRASE "IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
TERMS OF THE COVENANTS." IF THIS FAILS, INTERESTED WEOS
WILL MAKE STATEMENTS FOR RECORD THAT PREVIOUS UNDERSTANDING
ON MEANING OF "ALL STATES" STILL APPLY.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
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HAVING NOTED THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE STATUS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS, THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS AND THE OPTIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS,

RECALLING ITS RESOLUTION 3142 (XXVIII) OF 14 DECEMBER 1973 AND IN PARTICULAR ITS BELIEF THAT THE COMING INTO FORCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS, THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS AND ITS OPTIONAL PROTOCOL WILL GREATLY ENHANCE THE ABILITY OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS FOR ALL, WITHOUT DISTINCTION AS TO RACE, SEX, LANGUAGE OR RELIGION, AND WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE ATTAINMENT OF THE PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS,

NOTING WITH APPRECIATION THAT FOLLOWING ITS APPEAL SEVERAL MEMBER STATES HAVE ACCEDED TO THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS,

RECALLING ALSO ITS RESOLUTION 3060 (XXVIII) OF 2 NOVEMBER 1973 RELATING TO THE OBSERVANCE OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, IN WHICH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY INVITED STATES WHICH HAD NOT YET DONE SO TO RATIFY, INTER ALIA, THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS, THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS AND THE OPTIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS,

DESIROUS TO ASSIST IN HASTENING THE PROCESS OF RATIFICATION AND BRINGING INTO FORCE THOSE INSTRUMENTS,

1. RECOMMENDS THAT MEMBER STATES SHOULD GIVE SPECIAL ATTENTION TO POSSIBILITIES OF ACCELERATING AS FAR AS POSSIBLE THE INTERNAL PROCEDURES THAT WOULD LEAD TO THE RATIFICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS, THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RIGHTS AND THE OPTIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS;

2. EXPRESSES THE HOPE THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS, THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS AND THE OPTIONAL

PROTOCOL TO THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL

RIGHTS WILL COME INTO FORCE IN THE NEAR FUTURE, IF POSSIBLE
BY THE THIRTIETH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND THUS
ENABLE THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO EXERCISE A MORE
EFFECTIVE ROLE AS REGARDS THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS;

3. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY
RESOLUTIONS 2200 A(XXI) OF 16 DECEMBER 1966, 2788 (XXVI) OF
6 DECEMBER 1971 AND 3142(XXVIII) OF 14 DECEMBER 1973, TO
PREPARE ON THE BASIS OF REPORTS FROM GOVERNMENTS, AND
SUBMIT TO THE ASSEMBLY AT ITS NEXT SESSION A REPORT ON THE
PROGRESS OF THE RATIFICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL
COVENANTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE OPTIONAL PROTOCOL TO
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